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Stephen Coghlan  
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Dear Mr Coghlan

**Re: Part 24 National Gas Rules exemption for Northern Gas Pipeline (western flow pipework)**

I refer to your application dated 7 July 2024, and the subsequent information you provided on 22 July 2024, seeking a conditional exemption from Part 24 of the National Gas Rules (**NGR**) for the Northern Gas Pipeline (Western Flow Pipework).

The AER has assessed your application and, on the basis of the information that you have provided, has determined to grant the Northern Gas Pipeline (Western Flow Pipework) a conditional exemption (*Category 2, single-user facility*), taking effect on 17 August 2024 and applying for a period of five years to 17 August 2029.

This exemption applies to pipeline components used for hauling gas west on the Northern Gas Pipeline (**NGP**). The exemption applies to the following pipework and respective connection points used only for western haul:

- Inlet pipe from the CGP connection pipe (bi-directional delivery/receipt pipe connecting to CGP) to Mt Isa compressor meter skid
- Mt Isa Compressor meter skid to front of plant
- Mt Isa compressor discharge to NGP mainline
- Inlet pipe from NGP to Phillips Creek compressor metering skid
- New delivery pipe to AGP

The exemption also applies to the following NGP components used to support both eastern and western haul. The exemption only applies to these components when they are supporting western haul:

- CGP connection pipe (bi-directional delivery/receipt pipe connecting to CGP)
- Mt Isa compression
- NGP mainline
- Phillips Creek compression
- Delivery pipe to NGP-AGP receipt point

The AER understands from Jemena that the western haul service on the NGP will act on an interruptible basis.

As set out in subrule 611(10) of Part 24 of the NGR, please notify the AER without delay if circumstances change such that the pipeline no longer qualifies for this exemption.

Subrule 611(9) of Part 24 requires the AER to establish, publish and maintain a register of Part 24 exemptions. The new exemption for the Northern Gas Pipeline (western flow pipework) will be published on the Part 24 exemptions register on the [AER's website](#).

As required by subrule 611(8) of the NGR, AER staff will contact the Australian Energy Market Operator to inform it of this determination.

Please contact [Robert.Matton@aer.gov.au](mailto:Robert.Matton@aer.gov.au); (03) 9290 1455, if you have further questions regarding this matter.

Yours sincerely



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